

Script for Mississippi Musician's Hall of Fame

Induction Announcement

Governor's Mansion

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Mississippi Musician's Hall of Fame is dedicated to showcasing our state's musical heritage and was founded in 1997. We could not pass up this wonderful opportunity to announce its most recent selection of the 2008 inductees. These great Mississippi musicians will be inducted at a later date, but you can consider this a pre-press announcement.

I will just read the names and categories of those selected for later induction into the 2008 Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame.

Ace Cannon – rock/country

Tom Malone – jazz

Mac MacAnally – country/rock

Bobbie Gentry – country

Honey Boy Edwards – blues

James Owens – religious music

We are also pleased to recognize Tommy Johnson's niece, Vera Johnson Collins. Tommy Johnson was one of our great blues musicians from Crystal Springs and a 2007 inductee into the MMHF. We will be establishing an exhibit in his honor at the MMHF museum at the Jackson/Evers International Airport.

Our motto is "Mississippi, the birthplace of America's music," and these outstanding musicians continue to make our point.

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